

Article 17 TFEU

Dialogue with Churches, Religions, Philosophical and Non-Confessional organisations

Religion and Human Rights within the EU **A Shared Responsibility**



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#Art17Dialogue

Tuesday 4 December 2018

15:00 > 18:00 @ PHS 5B01

Hosted by :

Antonio Tajani
President of the
European Parliament

Mairead McGuinness
Vice-President for Dialogue
with Religions and Non-Confessional Organisations



**Dialogue seminar with churches and religious communities on:
"Religion and Human Rights within the EU - A Shared Responsibility"**

Interpretation in EN, FR, IT, ES, PL

Introductory remarks

15:00 - 15:20 **Mairead McGuinness**
First Vice-President of the European Parliament,
Responsible for the Parliament's implementation of Article 17 TFEU

Michael O'Flaherty
Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency

15:20 **Panel 1: Evaluating the EU's framework for defending human rights in the EU**

Chair **Marek Jurek**
MEP, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

15:30 - 15:40 **Setting the scene**

Birgit Van Hout
Regional Representative for Europe,
Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights

15:40 - 16:05 **Contributions of faith representatives**

Metropolitan Porfirije of Zagreb and Ljubljana
Serbian Orthodox church

Jair Melchior
Chief Rabbi of Denmark

Fr Olivier Poquillon OP
Secretary General of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the EU

Rapporteur
Marek Jurek
MEP, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

16:05 - 16:30 Questions and Answers: General discussion

16:35 **Panel 2: Human rights challenges and solutions in the EU**

Chair **Tomáš Zdechovský**
MEP, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

16:45 - 16:55 **Setting the scene**

Rosemary Byrne
Professor of International & Human Rights Law,
Trinity College Dublin

16:55 - 17:20 **Contributions of faith representatives**

Marta López Ballalta
Vice President of the Spanish Evangelical Church

Umar al-Qadri
Chair of Irish Muslim Peace & Integration Council
Islamic Theologian, Islamic Centre of Ireland

Theodorus C.M. Hoogenboom
Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Utrecht,
President of the COMECE Legal Affairs Commission

Rapporteur
Virginie Rozière
MEP, Co-Chair of the European Parliament Platform
for Secularism in Politics

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Concluding remarks

17:50 - 18:00 **Michael O'Flaherty**
Director of the EU Fundamental Rights Agency

Mairead McGuinness
Vice-President of the European Parliament,
Responsible for the Parliament's implementation of Article 17 TFEU

Reception

18:00 **Reception** - Paul-Henri Spaak Building (PHS) 5th floor open space